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May 11, 1989

Mr. Gary Benton
Mid-American Truck Center
3201 E. 32nd Street
Joplin, MO 64801

Dear Mr. Benton:

Please find enclosed the copy of the January 12, 1989 letter to Mr. Miller of the Freightliner Company regarding the oils surfacing in the field west of the building formerly occupied by the Springfield Freightliner Sales Company. I have been advised that you are the owner of the property.

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Please note that I have been contacted by the consultant retained by Mr. Miller and was advised that the Freightliner Company has moved out and no longer occupies the property. I was also advised that the line to the tile field was apparently capped prior to them doing business at the site and that the waste oil that appears to be surfacing is most likely from previous operations.

You should note that, as owner of the property, you are ultimately responsible for any hazardous waste cleanup that may be necessary. It appears that to protect the groundwater in the area, it will be necessary to remove the contaminants from the tile field and properly dispose of them. If waste oil is the only product found at the site, the contaminated soil can probably be disposed of at the local sanitary landfill with a special waste disposal approval.

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Because there are private drinking water wells in the area, it is important that this problem be resolved immediately to prevent contamination of these water supplies. Please advise this office of your intentions in this matter by May 31, 1989.

Your cooperation will be expected and appreciated. If you have any questions, let us know.

Sincerely,

SPRINGFIELD REGIONAL OFFICE



Charles L. Kroeger
Environmental Specialist

J. Randal Lyman, Springfield Sanitary Services

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January 12, 1989

Mr. Bill Miller, Service Manager
Springfield Freightliner Sales, Inc
3164 N. Glenstone
Springfield, MO 65803

Dear Mr. Miller:

This is regarding the complaint this office had received concerning an oily type material which was on the ground on the lot west of the Springfield Freightliner Sales Company building in Springfield, Missouri. The complaint was originally investigated on November 17, 1988, at which time you accompanied me to the site.

During a follow-up routine check on January 12, 1989, I noted that there appeared to be additional oil in the low area and also observed at least two areas where the liquid material seems to be coming to the surface. have been advised that there is a septic tank/tile field system serving the building and it appears that the material in the adjoining lot is coming from the tile field.

Please note that if this oily waste is surfacing from a tile field, there is also a chance that the material may be getting into the shallow groundwater system.

Within two weeks of the date of this letter, please advise this office of the steps you are taking to get the situation corrected. If there is a tile field from which the oil is surfacing it may be necessary to excavate it and remove the contaminated soils then install an adequate system. Care should also be taken to eliminate the disposal of any oily waste into a septic tank/tile field system.

Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please advise.

Sincerely,

SPRINGFIELD REGIONAL OFFICE

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Charles L. Kroeger".

Charles L. Kroeger
Environmental Specialist

cc: Mr. Randy Lyman, Springfield Sanitary Services
Mr. Cary Benton, Mid-America Truck Center, 3201 E 32, Joplin, Mo.

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 18, 1988
TO: Greene County/WMP, General
FROM: Charles L. Kroeger, SRO
SUBJECT: Dumping of Hazardous Waste near Freightliner Trucking Co

On November 17, 1988, I investigated an anonymous complaint regarding the possible dumping of hazardous waste in a field adjacent to the Freightliner Trucking Company at the corner of Glenstone and McClerndon Streets in Northern Springfield.

During the investigation I spoke with Service Manager Bill G. Miller who has been at the facility for about 1 1/2 years. He indicated he was not aware of any dumping or discharge of hazardous waste. He has recently been made aware of the fact that there is an underground hazardous waste storage tank which catches waste oil and floor drains from the service area. This tank is periodically pumped out and shipped as waste flammable liquid, N.O.S. A shipment was recently made emptying the tank.

We checked the field to the east of the building and parking and observed an area about 40-50' long and 2-3 feet wide with dead vegetation and what appeared to be diesel stains. There were a couple of pools of liquid - both less than one gallon. This low area was in the center of the field and there was no evidence of a spill from the lot or a pipe discharging to the area.

Mr. Miller indicated that he had no idea where the diesel came from or how it got there. It does not appear to be an ongoing problem.

I advised Mr. Miller that I would check the area again some time in the future in an attempt to determine if additional material is appearing at the site. If it is they may need to excavate and search for a pipe leading to the area and remove the contaminated soil. The field is thought to be owned by Gary Benton of Joplin who also owns the truck company property and leases it to Mr. Miller.

cc: ~~Springfield~~ Sanitary Services

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